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NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Leticia Hernández al número (714) 484-5488.
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DATE: January 25, 2006

TO: Public Agencies and Interested Parties

PROJECT: PIER A WEST/ AREA 2 REMEDIATION

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is 123 acres located in Los Angeles County at 421 Henry Ford Avenue, Wilmington, California, 90744. The Consolidated Slip Channel lies to the north and west of the project site, while the Port of Los Angeles Anchorage Road soil stockpile lies to the south and Henry Ford Avenue lies to the east.

APPLICANT: City of Long Beach Harbor Department, Port of Long Beach (Port)

NOTICE OF PREPARATION: The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project. The purpose of this Notice of Preparation/ Notice of Public Scoping Meeting is to obtain your views as to the scope and content of environmental information and analysis that should be included in the EIR. **As mandated by law, your written comments must be sent to Safouh Sayed at the above letterhead address as soon as possible, but no later than 30-days of receipt of this notice. You may contact Mr. Sayed by email at ssayed@dtsc.ca.gov or by fax at (714) 484-5438.**

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: DTSC will also conduct a public scoping meeting for the proposed project to receive oral testimony at the time and place listed below:

DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2006
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Banning Landing Community Center
100 E. Water Street
Wilmington, California 90744

The meeting location is accessible. If you need special accommodations for the meeting or have any questions, contact Tim Chauvel, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5487. TDD users can obtain information on this meeting and project by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 to reach Tim Chauvel at (714) 484-5487.

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION

The Port has entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with DTSC in order to remediate groundwater and soil contamination on the project site. Historically, the project site was used for oil production and disposal of materials such as excess soil, building materials (e.g., concrete, bricks, tiles), oil-free rotary mud, oil containing mud, and crude oil tank sludge, as well as oil field materials, consisting of oil, wastewater, and drilling muds.

The proposed project consists of remediation activities for soil and groundwater contamination. The remedial activities would be consistent with the Remedial Action Plan. Soil remediation will consist of excavation and onsite stabilization. Groundwater remediation will consist of one, or a combination of, the following in-situ remediation alternatives: enhanced bioremediation, pump-and-treat, and chemical oxidation. Pump-and-treat remediation has been identified as the preferred alternative. The existing oil field activities will be consolidated into the eastern portion and potentially into a separate southwestern portion of the project site in order to continue oil production. Any contaminated materials that exceed the threshold requirements would be excavated and transported off-site for disposal. The majority of the project site will be elevated by approximately sixteen feet and capped with asphalt paving. No subsequent uses of the project site are proposed; the site will remain as a potential industrial use.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE EIR

The purpose of the EIR is to inform the public and governmental decision-makers of the environmental effects associated with implementing the proposed project. This includes analyzing the short-term, construction-related impacts and the long-term operations.

The environmental issue areas listed below may be significantly impacted by the project. In addition, the following environmental issue areas will be discussed in the EIR: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Recreation, and Land Use and Planning. For further information, DTSC has prepared an Initial Study, which is available on the DTSC website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

- **Aesthetics** - impacts may occur from soil import/export, site grading, and elevation of the majority of the site by 16 feet above existing grade, which would permanently change the visual appearance of the site.

- **Air Quality** - health risks to the public from toxic airborne contaminants including exceedance's of criteria pollutants before and during construction activities will occur.
- **Geology and Soils** - soil erosion may occur under the soil cap (approximately 16 feet above existing grade) until the cap is stabilized.
- **Hazards and Hazardous Materials** - remediation activities have the potential to expose persons living on-board in the marinas adjacent to the project site and to on-site workers to contaminants.
- **Hydrology and Water Quality** - the remediation may contaminate the water quality in the vicinity of the site.
- **Noise** - the use of heavy equipment for construction may exceed local noise ordinances, and the transport of soil on roadways may temporarily increase local noise levels.
- **Population and Housing** - construction activities may temporarily displace nearby residents who live aboard boats in the marinas near the project site.
- **Public Services** - remediation activities could require the need for fire protection and police protection personnel for onsite monitoring and offsite traffic control.
- **Transportation and Traffic** - potential impacts to adjacent roadways from the haul truck transport of contaminated soils taken offsite and the import of fill material.
- **Utilities and Service Systems** - a net change in water use by the bioremediation and oil field operations will be evaluated.


In addition to analyzing these environmental issue areas, the EIR will analyze the cumulative impacts and alternatives to the proposed project.



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